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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application.

Small entity status has been claimed. See 37 CFR § 1.27. П

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 18, 2003, Applicant elects for prosecution the claims of Group II, claims 7-14 with traverse.

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